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STEAMER GOES DOWN

Walla Walla Collides and Sinks in the Pacific Ocean.

FORTY LIVES LOST.

The Particulars Are Meager, but It Is Known That as Many as Sixty Lives Have Been Saved—Life Boats Are Missing.

Eureka, Cal., Jan. 3.—The steamer Walla Walla was sunk early this morning as the result of a collision with an unknown iron sailing vessel. The news of the disaster was brought to Trinidad by a boat from the foundered vessel and later by the steamer Dispatch which returned with 69 of the crew and passengers of the wrecked vessel.

The Walla Walla left San Francisco on Wednesday for Puget Sound ports and it is thought here 40 lives were lost in the wreck.

The collision occurred at 4 a. m. when all passengers were asleep. Some of the people on the steamer escaped on small boats and on rafts. They were unable to land owing to the character of the coast and drifted about until they were picked up by the steamer Dispatch.

One boat with seven people arrived at Trinidad, 20 miles north of here.

Captain Hall of the Walla Walla reported to the Pacific Coast Steamship company by telephone. He said the Walla Walla collided with an unknown French bark during hazy weather. The French vessel had no lights displayed. The Walla Walla sank in 11 minutes.

Captain Hall ordered tug boats from Eureka sent to search for three missing lifeboats of the Walla Walla.

NEW EMBALMING FLUID.

Memphis Medical College Believed to Have Made Valuable Discovery.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 3.—The Memphis Medical college has for several weeks been experimenting with an embalming fluid for which great possibilities are predicted. It is asserted that this discovery is superior to the embalming preparation used by the Egyptians.

The principal experiment up to this time has been upon the body of a dog, which was treated thirty days ago. Today it looks as natural as life. It is rigid, but in perfectly natural pose. There is no trace of odor about it nor is there any other possible symptom of decay.

Tests of the fluid have been made by the demonstrators at the Memphis college, and he is so well convinced of its practical utility that he will use it for the preservation of all the cadavers used in the college.

The fluid petrifies the body. Neither arsenic nor strychnine is used in the preparation.

An American Miner Dead.

Laredo, Tex., Jan. 3.—Word has reached this city of the death from pneumonia at Villadama, Mex., of Captain W. C. M. Jones, for the past 15 years connected with the Guadalupe mines. Captain Jones was about 75 years of age and unmarried. He leaves two wealthy sisters in Colorado. He was related by marriage to United States ambassador to Mexico General Powell Clayton. The remains will be shipped to Camden, N. J., for interment.

The Coinage for 1901.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The coinage executed at the mints of the United States during December, 1901, was \$14,649,321, as follows: Gold, \$12,309,827; silver, \$1,966,514; minor coins, \$23,400.

The total coinage for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1901, was \$134,693,770, of which \$101,735,187 was gold, \$30,838,490 was silver and \$2,120,122 was minor coins.

Mrs. Pierrepont Dead.

New York, Jan. 3.—Mrs. Anna Maria Pierrepont, widow of Henry S. Pierrepont, and a granddaughter of John Jay, first chief justice of the United States, is dead at her home in Brooklyn. Mrs. Pierrepont was in her 83d year. Her maternal grandfather was Governor Livingston of New Jersey. She was born at Broadway and Walker street, this city, in 1819.

Disgraced Policeman Inmate.

Cincinnati, Jan. 3.—George Hinesman, the policeman who was publicly degraded and dismissed last fall for having spoken disrespectfully of President McKinley when he was shot, has been declared insane and sent to an asylum.

Convicted of Wife Murder.

Van Buren, Ark., Dec. 3.—Kil Holton, charged with killing his wife Oct. 2, was adjudged guilty of murder in the first degree, the penalty being death. The plea of defense was insanity.

Friendship Treaty Examined.

Madrid, Jan. 3.—The treaty of friendship between Spain and the United States having been examined by the cabinet, will now be submitted to the supreme council of state.

Barcelona Strike Threatening.

Barcelona, Jan. 3.—The strike situation here is so alarming that large reinforcements of troops have been concentrated in and about the city. The strikers number 20,000.

FINANCIAL DISTRESS.

Big Firm at Cleveland Forced to Suspend Pending Investigation.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 3.—The financial affairs of the Everett-Moore syndicate, owning or controlling a number of urban and interurban electric railways and an extensive system of local long distance telephone lines in Ohio and Michigan passed into the control of a committee composed of seven prominent bankers of this city Thursday. This action was taken, it is stated, as the result of temporary financial embarrassment on the part of the syndicate which has for some time past been affected by the stringency of the money market.

The committee chosen is at work investigating the affairs of the syndicate and express the firm belief that the concern is entirely solvent and that its embarrassment will be only temporary.

The Everett-Moore syndicate is accredited with controlling more than 1200 miles of electric railroad lines in Ohio and Michigan, with many new extensions still in course of construction. The aggregate capitalization of all the various properties owned or controlled by the syndicate, is said to be about \$130,000,000.

Expert accountants have been employed by the committee in charge to examine and report upon the condition of all constituent companies. No statement indicating the liabilities has yet been given out.

As a result of the announcement of the financial embarrassment of the Everett-Moore syndicate a run was started on the Dime Savings and Banking company, of which Messrs. Everett and Moore are directors. All demands were promptly met and President Watterson said the bank had ample funds on hand to pay all depositors who desired their money.

ELECTION IN CUBA.

Palma Secures Fifty-Five Electors and Maso Eight.

Havana, Jan. 3.—The central board of scrutiny has made public the following returns of the elections held in Cuba on Dec. 31. Tomas Estrada Palma, the Nationalist candidate for the presidency, has 55 electors while General Bartolome Maso, the Democratic candidate, who withdrew from the campaign, has eight electors. Senator Palma secured the unanimous electoral delegations from the provinces of Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas and Santa Clara, and one elector from Puerto Principe and five electors from Santiago. General Maso secured three electors from Puerto Principe and five from Santiago.

The following civil governors were elected:

Pinar del Rio, Havana, Matanzas, Santa Clara, and one elector from Puerto Principe and five electors from Santiago.

STILL IN DOUBT.

Organization of Ohio House in Hands of Six Members.

Columbus, O., Jan. 3.—The contest between Republican factions over the organization of the legislature is still in doubt so far as the house is concerned. The claims of either faction would indicate that one element is confident of Price becoming speaker and the other of McKinnon winning. But the efforts of both show that there are still "votes to get" by whomsoever becomes speaker. The list of unpledged speakers has, however, been reduced to a half dozen—Crist, Pool, McKel, Nihart, Foster and Lochery. This does not include many who are said to have pledged themselves—some in writing—to both sides. These six are said to have made no pledges to either side and it is conceded that they hold the balance of power.

LARGEST LUMBER DEAL.

The Kirby Lumber Company Take Over Plants About Beaumont.

Beaumont, Tex., Jan. 3.—One of the biggest deals ever consummated in the history of the lumber business was that through which the Kirby Lumber company, a concern with a capital of \$10,000,000, took over the plants and timber holdings of the Reliance Lumber company, the Texas Tram and Lumber company, including the Village Mills company, the Beaumont Lumber company and the Adams Mills at Cal.

During the last 48 hours the deposits of two of Beaumont's banks were swelled about \$3,500,000 and the newly received funds were transferred to the credit of the various concerns purchased by the Kirby Lumber company.

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Nicaraguan Congress Meets.

Managua, Nic., Jan. 3.—The congress of Nicaragua assembled Wednesday night and President Zelaya read his message informing the public of the signing of the protocol regarding leasing the proposed canal route to the United States. The president declared that the prospects of building the canal were becoming brighter and that the United States formally guaranteed the sovereignty of Nicaragua. President Zelaya further announced that the United States senate had approved the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Miss Stone Reported Liberated.

London, Jan. 3.—The Sofia correspondent of the Daily Telegraph has cabled an unconfirmed rumor to the effect that Miss Stone and Mme. Tsilka were liberated in Turkey on Jan. 1, and that the Americans who conducted the negotiations resulting in the reported release, agreed, in the presence of the captives, to maintain absolute silence concerning the captors.

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